



Immunization Religious Exemption Letter

School Year _____

Student Name (Print) _____

Date of Birth _____ Student Grade _____

School Attending _____

In the event of an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease for which your child is not fully vaccinated, your child may be excluded from school to protect his/her health and the health of all our students and staff. It is important to understand that with some diseases such as measles, one infected child is an outbreak. The length of time your child will be kept out of school depends on the disease. Your child's exclusion may be as long as 3-4 weeks. Please refer to the [Communicable Disease Reference Guide for Schools](http://www.in.gov/isdh/23291.htm): <http://www.in.gov/isdh/23291.htm>

Parent's statement:

I would like to request that my child be excused from the state immunization requirement based on the following reasons:

in accordance with Indiana Code 20-34-3-2.

Parent Name (Print): _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Indiana Code 20-34-3-2 Immunization Exception for Religious Objection

“Except as otherwise provided, a student may not be required to undergo any testing, examination, immunization, or treatment required under this chapter IC 20-34-4 when the child's parent objects on religious grounds. A religious objection does not exempt a child from any testing, examination, immunization, or treatment required under this chapter or IC 20-34-4 unless the objection is: 1. made in writing;

2. signed by the child's parent; and
3. delivered to the child's teacher or to the individual who might order a test, an exam, an immunization, or treatment absent the objection.”

The written document, signed by the parent, must state that the objection to immunization is based on religious grounds. There is no requirement that the statement must be from the pastor of a church, appear on church letterhead, or provide proof that they are members of a religious organization. The Indiana State Department of Health policy requires that the written statement be verified by the parent each year.